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## WILL INSURE ALL ITS EMPLOYEES

American Smelting and Refining Co.,  
Daniel Guggenheim President, to  
Take Care of Its Workmen

The American Smelting and Refining Company, one of whose properties is the Federal Lead Company at Flat River, has adopted a meritorious plan for insuring the lives of all its employees, salaried and wage earners, without charge. This action on the part of one of the largest and most extensive mining corporations in America is one of the encouraging signs that organized employers and employees are coming to appreciate more and more their reciprocal relationship to each other. The A. S. & R. Co. is to be commended in this move. The plan is fully set forth in the following circular letter of President Guggenheim:

New York, March 7, 1917.  
The American Smelting and Refining Company (the American Smelters Securities Company likewise), in further development of its policy in matters relating to Labor and Welfare, has adopted the following plan of Group Life Indemnity for the benefit of its workmen and their families or dependents:

Effective as of January 1, 1917, the Company at its own expense will issue to each wage-earner employed at any of its plants, mines or mills in the United States, who has been in the service of the Company for one year or more, a certificate of indemnity, in the event of death for any cause while in the employ of the Company, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to the family or dependents of married men, and Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to the dependents of single men. On the marriage of a single man, the amount of his indemnity will at once be increased to that of a married man. Persons in the employ of the Company for less than a year will receive a certificate upon the completion of one year's service. Certificates will be issued without discrimination as to language or nationality, color or creed, irrespective of age, and without medical examination or other proof of physical condition. Payment will be made to the beneficiary designated by the employee, but if there be no designated beneficiary surviving at the death of the employee, payment will be made to (1) widow; (2) if no widow, the children, equally; (3) if no children, the parents, equally; (4) if no parent, the brothers and sisters, equally; (5) if no brothers or sisters, the estate, in the order named, payment to a beneficiary first in order, excluding beneficiaries later in order. The indemnity will be paid in whole or part as soon as possible and not more than thirty (30) days after satisfactory proof of death and identification of beneficiary. It will be paid in a lump sum or in not more than five installments, as in the judgment of the plant manager will prove the more advantageous to the beneficiary; but all installments shall be fully paid within twelve months after death. The term of the certificate will be one year, but at the end of each year, for the five years next ensuing, the intention of the Company is to issue a new certificate, increasing the amount one hundred dollars (\$100) in the case of married men and fifty dollars (\$50) in the case of single men, to the end that the indemnity of married men will eventually be one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) and the indemnity of single men seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750). This indemnity is for employees of the Company only, and will therefore cease in the case of any person leaving its employ for any cause.

The motives which actuated the Company in taking the action announced in this circular may be summarized as follows:  
The Company regards itself as under an obligation to its faithful and regular employees, who do its work and keep its operations going, in the same way that it is under an obligation to the stockholders whose savings and investments furnish the capital for its business. With regard to employees, the Company is concerned with the welfare, not only of the men but of their families. Its aim is, therefore, in addition to paying them a fair living wage, as high as prevailing labor conditions and the competitive nature of the industry will allow, to provide safe and suitable conditions for their employment, to promote their general health and well being, to furnish aid and relief in the case of sickness and accident, and to make provision for those growing old in the service. In furtherance of this aim, the Company employs safety experts and engineers, installs safety devices, provides hospital care and medical service, administers workmen's benefit funds, and maintains an old age pension system, all under the direction of a permanent Labor and Welfare Department. In this way, while supplying the means of livelihood for them and their families, the Company hopes also to spread a feeling of contentment among its workmen, to give them a sense of security in their employment, to earn their loyalty and confidence, and to give them sound reasons for believing that the Company's interest is their interest, and thus promote a relation of mutual consideration productive of the best results for both employer and employee.

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The present action of the Company in establishing a system of life indemnity for its workmen marks a further and important step in the same direction, and gives further evidence of the Company's appreciation of the individual needs of its employees and readiness to supply such needs in every feasible way. With this added proof of practical good-will before them, the Company believes that its workmen will enjoy a peace of mind and freedom of worry which can only come from the knowledge that their families or dependents at their death will not be left in want. The Company desires to cultivate a permanent force of employees, who will remain in its service from year to year, upon whose continued loyalty and industry it can rely, and who in turn can rely upon the Company to protect their interests and reward their labors. The theory of the Company is that whatever makes for a feeling of contentment and security among its workmen makes also for willingness and efficiency in their work, and gives rise to a permanent body of active and interested working aids.

The indemnity in question will be carried by the Company itself, with no charge to employees, and the cost will be taken up in the general expenses of each plant. In case of those plants where group life insurance is now in effect under policies issued by an insurance company, the policies will not be renewed on their expiration, and certificates of the Company will be issued in lieu thereof.

The certificates of indemnity above referred to will be issued as soon as the necessary details involved in the establishment of the system can be completed.

By authority of the Executive Committee,  
DANIEL GUGGENHEIM, Pres.  
The above plan also includes salaried employees, insuring them for an amount equal to one year's salary.

## Bullets and "Down" Tires Didn't Stop

Last Sunday evening about 5 o'clock an automobile full of high rollers rushed up Columbia street from the east, made a reckless turn at the Morris corner and on to Liberty street. Marshal Schaefer, who was standing on the south front lawn of the Court House saw them coming, and waved them to stop, but they paid no more attention to him than if there was no star blazing on the lapel of his coat. Jake ran across the yard and headed them off, and standing on the court house square, again warned them to stop, but the driver only pulled out the clutch for more speed. Schaefer then drew his gun and let go at the tires. He bored a front and hind tire, but missed the other hind one. The two punctured tires collapsed, but the machine whirled the next corner and went clipping along on the rims until it was outside the corporation. The party of high rollers stopped near the Merriman school house to repair damages, and left several empty beer bottles as evidence of their tanked-up condition. Jake says they were from Desloge, but he was not able to identify them, and they had evidently been to Weingarten, in Ste. Genevieve county, for a general "old high."

## Flat River to Incorporate

The Flat River Progressive Club met at Tucker's store Monday evening, in regular meeting. After reading and approving of minutes of last meeting, D. H. Cameron, chairman of Incorporation Committee, reported on the forms of government and read the law pertaining to the Commission form. Polite Elvins then explained the attitude of the St. Joe-Doe Run Lead Company toward the incorporation of Flat River, and also gave his views on the different forms of city government. After a discussion of the two forms by different members, a vote was taken and the Club decided to incorporate under the new, or Commission form.

Owing to the fact that the law permitting towns not incorporated to incorporate under the commission form does not go into effect until June, Flat River will have to wait till then to present its petition for incorporation to the County Court. This form of government has proved eminently satisfactory wherever tried, and no doubt Flat River will take its proper place among the leading cities of the third class under this form. Either form will bring about the desired improvements in Flat River, and now that the Commission form has been decided on, let everyone interested in the welfare of Flat River boost the incorporation movement to a successful end.

## Do Not Forget

The Times desires to again call the attention of its readers, and the citizens of Farmington in general, to the fact that they cannot afford to longer neglect the opportunity that is now offered to them of securing free mail delivery for this city. The opportunity now awaits. All that is necessary is to accept it.

Only a few things need to be done in order to secure this boon, as was mentioned in last week's Times. They are additions that are altogether inexpensive, and there should not be the slightest objection or delay to putting them in. The additions necessary are simply the numbering of the streets and houses, and the putting up of mail receptacles at the homes and business places.

The condition of the sidewalks and lights in Farmington are already up to the standard prescribed by the Postal Department in considering the question of free mail delivery, and the additional provisions, as named above, are so minute that there should be absolutely no delay in bringing them up to the required standard.

When once free mail delivery has been actually put on in Farmington, there will be none that would consent, for practically any consideration, to dispense with it and go back to postoffice delivery only. The city council should order the streets numbered, at their next meeting, and the matter of numbering the houses, as well as putting in mail receptacles, will doubtless be looked after by the tenants themselves, especially when they find that such things will be necessary in order that their mail be delivered to them.

## CEMETERY WORK

The local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, having in charge the keeping of the K. of P. Cemetery in condition, commenced work on the cemetery last week, having it disked, harrowed and dragged, so as to get the ground in better condition for mowing. Parties taking care of their own lots are urged to put the refuse on low place or trash pile in the northwest corner of the cemetery.

Those contributing this week for the work are as follows: Merfield Huff, \$5; Mrs. Eliza Williams, \$1; Misses Denby, \$1; Jim Hopkins, \$5; V. B. Morris, \$5; Mrs. Hattie McDaniel, \$5; Mrs. J. H. Radle, \$5. Any one wishing to contribute to this work may hand same to Miss Azzie McMullin or Mrs. Frank Long, or leave at The Times office.

## County Treasurer's Annual Settlement

The annual settlement of County Treasurer Coffield with the County Court last week shows the following balances and deficits of the several funds on March 1, 1917:

County Revenue.  
County officers' fund.....\$ 338.41  
Pauper and insane..... 1,199.44  
Road and bridge..... 3,835.92  
Contingent ..... 769.59

Total .....\$ 6,142.46  
Grand and petit jury fund overdraft .....\$ 2,991.49

Balance .....\$ 3,150.97

County road fund, overdraft .....\$11,300.81

Cash on Hand in Other Funds

Various school districts.....\$12,795.76

Various road districts..... 10,139.62

Railroad, Telegraph and Telephone, to be apportioned ..... 12,399.00

County criminal costs and inquests ..... 1,986.09

Good roads, auto drag account ..... 2,570.02

Capital school fund, principal ..... 4,022.63

Capital school fund, interest ..... 1,589.89

Township school funds, principal ..... 3,099.92

Township school funds, interest ..... 703.33

Cash in bank March 1..... 42,844.66

Am't outstanding checks..... 98.97

Floating Warrants.

Following is the amount of outstanding warrants, with no money in the treasury for their payment:

Against county road fund \$ 7,721.98

Against grand and petit jury fund ..... 700.00

Total .....\$ 8,421.98

Cash in Various Road District Funds.

District No. 1.....\$ 63.10

District No. 2 ..... 186.79

District No. 3..... 1,284.01

District No. 4..... 65.01

District No. 5..... 2,072.15

District No. 6..... 55.14

District No. 7..... 56.33

District No. 8..... 20.10

District No. 9..... 382.40

District No. 10..... 70.60

District No. 11..... 264.41

District No. 12..... 2,776.20

District No. 13..... 1,141.02

District No. 14..... 89.82

District No. 15..... 51.16

District No. 16..... 35.48

District No. 17..... 70.17

District No. 18..... 39.71

District No. 19..... 131.21

District No. 20..... 91.59

District No. 21..... 102.70

District No. 22..... 117.55

District No. 23..... 94.01

District No. 24..... 106.39

District No. 25..... 822.51

Total .....\$10,139.62

## Very Near Criminal Carelessness

As an automobile, owned and driven by M. T. Moore, of Desloge, who was formerly County Judge, was attempting to cross the Farmington Milling Co. switch of the electric railway Monday morning, a freight car was backed into the machine, in which there were also four ladies. There was no manner of signal or warning to the driver that a car was near them, until the auto was actually on the track, running at slow speed, and then the freight car was also on them, striking the back fender and pushing the auto off the track.

Miss Leona Hartzell, of St. Louis, who is visiting in Desloge, who was one of the occupants of the car, sustained the most serious injuries, being greatly shocked and shaken up, and apparently receiving an injury to her hips, though the actual extent of her injuries has not been given out. The extent of the injury to the other occupants of the car was in shock and excitement.

A rear tire of the auto was torn off and the car was also scratched and shaken considerably, but the damages will perhaps not amount to more than \$50. But this accident, which so narrowly escaped being fatal to one or more of the occupants of the stricken car, again illustrates the carelessness with which freight cars are switched across the two street crossings at that point. The Times reporter has been told of repeated incidents or narrow escapes at that crossing, where the freight cars are run over the crossing, often without the slightest apparent attempt to see that the crossing is clear, or to sound an alarm.

The railway company can be made to pay dearly for all such accidents, and should be made to do so, as it is in this way only that they will perhaps be forced to recognize the fact that it will be to their interest to enforce more stringent regulations on their employees, especially at such important crossings.

## ERECTING NEW BUILDING

The firm of Silaby & Murphy of Flat River, who are agents for the Dort automobile, are erecting a new building on the north side of Main street, just west of the Flat River bridge. The building will be a one-story brick with a large basement and will be a garage and show room for the Dort car. They are at present located near the Schramm Grocery plant. They expect to move to their new place about the first of June.

## COLORADO FUEL CO. ADOPTS SERVICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Pueblo, Colo., March 24.—A service retirement system for employees of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co. was announced today by President J. F. Welborn at a conference here attended by company officials and employees' representatives elected under the industrial Representation Plan.

The retirement regulations differ radically from those of most other corporations, in that in figuring an employee's term of service he is given credit for all the time he has spent with the company, regardless of whether or not this time has been continuous. Under the plan as announced by President Welborn, employees and officials are eligible for retirement at the end of stated periods of service. The monthly allowance in each case is to be 30 per cent of the average monthly pay during the ten years preceding the retirement, but no regular allowance is to be less than \$20 per month.

Men who have reached the age of 65 years, and women who have reached the age of 55 and who have been in the service of the company 20 years or longer, are to be placed on the retired list automatically. A man who has reached the age of 60 years or a woman who has reached the age of 50 and who has been 30 years with the company, may, with the approval of the President, be retired.

## CIVIC CLUB MEETING

The Civic Club of Farmington will hold its regular meeting next Thursday afternoon at 3:00 in the Library. An invitation is extended to the citizens of Farmington to be present and offer suggestions and ideas for the betterment of our city.

We are told that there has been a decided improvement in the downtown streets since the Club began having the streets cleaned regularly. There are many other things that should be attended to and we desire the co-operation of everybody in our crusade for a better and more beautiful Farmington. Please come to the meeting for we need your help. Clean-up day will be announced soon.

## THE LOCAL MARKET

Wheat, per bushel.....	\$2.00
Flour, per 100 lbs.....	\$5.40 to 5.80
Meal, unbolted, per bushel.....	1.45
Meal, bolted, per bushel.....	1.50
Mixed feed, per 100 lbs.....	2.45
Ship stuff, per 100 lbs.....	2.60
Bran, per 100 lbs.....	2.35
Corn, per bushel.....	1.35
Oats, per bu.....	.80
Irish Potatoes.....	3.10
Seed Potatoes.....	3.50
Butter, per lb.....	.30
Eggs, per dozen.....	.22
Chickens, spring, per lb.....	.17 to .20
Hens, per lb.....	.17
Ducks, per lb.....	.16
Bacon, per lb.....	.24
Hay, per ton.....	17.00
Alfalfa hay, per ton.....	23.00

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## A Good Meeting

There was a good attendance of Hereford breeders and others interested in that important industry, at the meeting held in the circuit court room in Farmington last Saturday afternoon. The principal speaker was Prof. H. O. Allison, of the Animal Husbandry Department of the State Agricultural College at Columbia. Other speakers were C. B. Denman, who is president of the St. Francois County Hereford breeders, and A. I. Foard, County Farm Agent.

Prof. Allison's address demonstrated fully that he was thoroughly conversant with the subject, in all its details, and he imparted much practical information to his hearers along the lines of the best methods for the care and treatment of live stock, in order to constantly improve their herds. Greatest interest was manifested by those present, and it is beyond question that much good will result from Saturday's meeting, in regard to the improvement of the stock of St. Francois county, especially in regard to the breeding of Herefords.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

To the District Clerk, School Board, and all those in attendance at the Annual School Meeting, 1917.

Gentlemen:—We ask all those who are interested in hog raising to please watch out for outbreaks of disease among hogs and to promptly report the same to a deputy. Dr. W. C. Dillard of Farmington is deputy for St. Francois county.

We have over 200 deputy State veterinarians, scattered well over the State, in readiness to answer these calls in person or to report them to headquarters, where some other deputy will be sent as soon as possible. The State will pay for such investigations in sick herds, as long as available funds hold out.

If hog cholera is found, the deputy will advise and consult with the people in that community as to the best course to pursue to prevent its further spread. NOBODY WILL BE COMPELLED TO VACCINATE. If the owner desires to vaccinate his hogs, the deputy will secure good, reliable serum at the lowest possible cost to the owner and administer it to the sick herds without charge. Those who own exposed, healthy herds in the vicinity will be notified of their danger and given all possible co-operation for their protection.

We have the co-operation of a force of United States government veterinarians scattered over the State and under the direction of Dr. Ralph Graham, Sedalia, Mo. We have the help of a number of competent, graduate veterinarians from the Agricultural Extension Service of the Missouri College of Agriculture.

During 1916 a similar plan of hog cholera control was carried out in 14 Missouri counties. Altogether, 261 different outbreaks of hog cholera were reported and placed under control. Not a single complaint has been received from anybody in all these counties.

We know by actual experience that we can prevent extensive losses from hog cholera or any other known disease of hogs. To a great extent, success depends upon you who are raising hogs. You report the first sick herd in your community, and we will try our very best to keep the disease from getting to the second herd.

The district clerk in each school district will be kept informed on changes in deputies and on all important matters pertaining to this work. Awaiting your command, I am Your obedient servant,  
D. F. LUCKEY, State Veterinarian.

Columbia, Mo., March 27, 1917.

## EQUALIZATION BOARD MEETS NEXT MONDAY

The St. Francois County Board of Equalization will meet at the Court House in Farmington next Monday, April 2nd.

## Ideal Place to Raise Fish Food

The possibilities of small fish ponds as sources of food have received little consideration. While foreign countries have long profited by private fish culture and have furnished notable examples, our own facilities for this profitable industry have been neglected. In these times of high cost of living the possessor of brooks, springs, ponds and lakes should be awakened to the value of their home resources for raising fish.

The possibilities for the private or commercial culture of many kinds of fishes should receive serious consideration. There are many places in St. Francois county that are available for fish culture. There is always a ready market for all kinds of food fish, and it is safe to say if someone would take the initiative and build a chain of ponds for the raising of fish there would in a short time be many people engaged in this profitable business.

Gospel Team meeting every Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the M. E. Church.

Dr. R. E. Walsh will be away all of next week in attendance at the meeting of the State Dental Association at St. Joseph, Mo.

## Top All Past Local Records

Judge E. E. Swink shipped a car load of cattle to the St. Louis market the first of the week, and the cattle were sold on Tuesday's market, at the National stock yards, in East St. Louis. There were thirty head in the car-load, and they netted Judge Swink the splendid sum of \$3,185.

This shipment was graded stuff, and is but another demonstration of the great advantage one has producing the best possible grades of stock. This sale set the "high water mark" for St. Francois county, in the sale of beef cattle.

## Rush Continues

The following new and renewal subscriptions to The Times have been received the past week:

New Subscribers—Mrs. Sarah Morgan of Route 1, and Theo. Hodge of Farmington, David Hawkins of DeLassus, F. Sigman of Flat River, Rev. Geo. Graham of Marble Hill, J. W. Perryman of Denver, Colo., Mrs. Vincent DeDonato of St. Louis, Benedict J. Baker of Boston, Mass.

Renewals—C. G. Vandover and W. H. Morris of Farmington, J. W. Hibbits of Desloge.